

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the Quinn ('576) published application. Independent Claims 1 and 16 have each been amended to more completely distinguish Quinn.

It is clear that the spacing (stagger) between openings in Quinn is substantially greater than claimed. Also, the side walls do not form a channel entirely between the first opening and the contoured flow directly element. As such, the Quinn rejection should be withdrawn.

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